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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: 24 APR 1968

SUBJECT : Additional Construction at McLean and Interim Accommodations
for CIA Personnel

PARTICIPANTS: PBS: Mr. Robert Daly, Commissioner

CIA: L. K. White, Deputy Director (Support)
H. Gates Lloyd, Assistant Deputy Director (Support)
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1. On 23 April 1963 I discussed with Mr. Robert Daly, Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service, the Agency's tentative plans for obtaining approval to undertake preliminary planning for additional construction at McLean to accommodate all of our headquarters personnel.

2. I explained to Mr. Daly that CIA's basic legislation contained authority to undertake construction; however, as a practical matter, we would not propose to undertake construction or to plan for construction of this magnitude without sanction of our Congressional committees. We also have approximately \$1.5 to \$1.7 million which was saved in the construction of our present headquarters building and which is in escrow with the Bureau of the Budget. As now set up on the books, these funds will lapse at the end of Fiscal Year 1964 unless some action is taken to prevent this. This action does not require legislation and can be handled within the Executive Branch.

3. I told Mr. Daly that I felt it would be next to impossible to make a good presentation to the Congress during the present session in support of construction of the needed additional facilities and that with his concurrence we would propose to proceed as follows:

a. First, we would obtain approval from our Congressional committees to use a part of the savings from our present headquarters building (\$175, 000 to \$200, 000) for preliminary planning and to prepare cost estimates.



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b. Second, we would then propose in conjunction with the Public Buildings Service to award an A&E contract for these preliminary plans.

c. Third, these plans would be detailed enough to make a good realistic presentation to the Congress, with cost estimates, by 1 January 1964.

By proceeding in this manner I estimated that we could save at least a year in the completion time of the additional facilities.

4. Mr. Daly said that he thought this was an excellent plan, that he concurred with it wholeheartedly, and that he would lend every possible support to it. He said he thought that it would be much better to use our construction authority rather than his, which would require appearance before entirely different Congressional committees. He thought that \$175,000 to \$200,000 would be adequate for the planning which we wished to undertake, but we agreed that these figures should be carefully checked and broken down by his estimators, as well as ours, before we proceed.

5. I then reminded Mr. Daly of the statement made to me some weeks ago by Mr. Boutin, Administrator of the General Services Administration, that he intended to tear down all of the temporary buildings by 1 January 1964. I also said that Mr. Horsky, the President's Special Assistant for National Capital Affairs, had repeated this statement to me a few days ago. I said that I still didn't believe it would be possible to accomplish this by the date Mr. Boutin had indicated; however, as a matter of policy I thought that PBS and GSA working in consultation should attempt to find and lease commercial space into which all of our personnel now located in temporary buildings should be moved pending the completion of permanent construction at McLean, which at best will be three to five years away.

6. Mr. Daly said that he was in complete sympathy with this idea but pointed out that the Congress had prohibited him from enticing private capital to build a building with the definite understanding that the Government would lease it. However, he does not interpret this injunction as preventing the Government from leasing space in a building which an investor is going to build anyway without such a guarantee from the Government. In short, he believed it might well be possible that we could work out something along these lines, and he pledged himself to cooperate in every way.

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